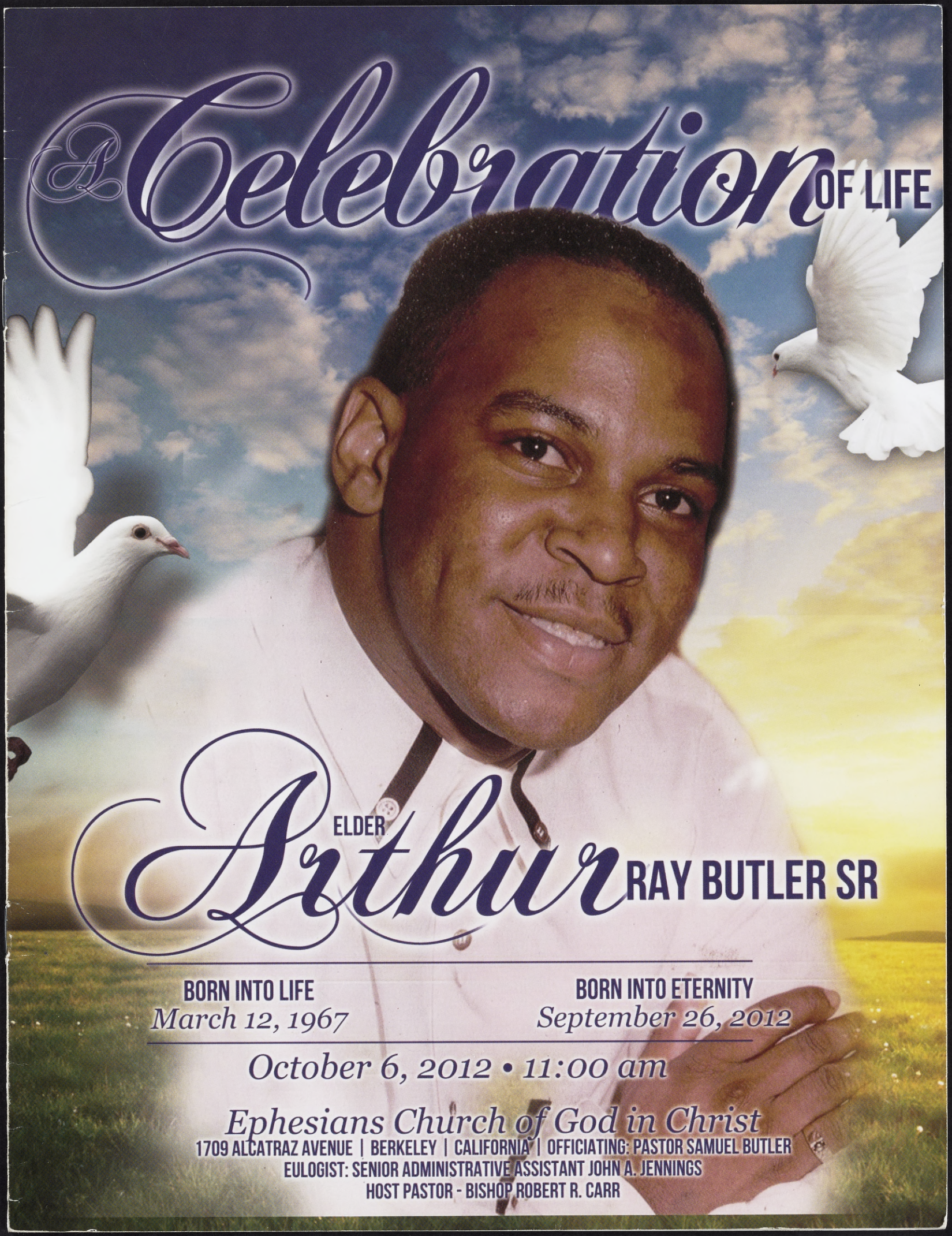

A Celebration OF LIFE
ELDER
Arthur RAY BUTLER SR
BORN INTO LIFE
March 12, 1967
BORN INTO ETERNITY
September 26, 2012
October 6, 2012 • 11:00 am
Ephesians Church of God in Christ
1709 ALCATRAZ AVENUE | BERKELEY | CALIFORNIA | OFFICIATING: PASTOR SAMUEL BUTLER
EULOGIST: SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JOHN A. JENNINGS
HOST PASTOR - BISHOP ROBERT R. CARR

Obituary

Elder Arthur Ray Butler Sr, was born to the proud parents of John and Seeray Butler on March 12, 1967 in Berkeley, California. Arthur was the youngest of nine children.

Arthur came to know Christ at a young age while attending McGlothen Temple Church of God In Christ in Richmond, California, under the pastorage of the late Bishop Clarence Davis.

Arthur attended Woodrow Wilson Elementary, Adams Junior High and graduated from Kennedy High School in 1985 (Eagles). Arthur loved football and played football at Kennedy High as #58, as a Middle Linebacker. He also was a "Track Star". He ran the 200, 400 relay 4x4 and the 4x100, where he excelled in the 100 and made it to the Junior Olympics. He was voted Best Body, Best Smile and Most Popular. He was a member of the Globe Boys-High School Fraternity. He pursued college at UC Berkeley.

Arthur was employed at Pacific Gas & Electric for 20 years. After working for Pacific Gas & Electric, he attended Sierra Academy and received a Certificate in Air Craft Mechanics.

Arthur Ray Butler Sr. met & married the love of his life, Alicia Marshall on the 12th day of September in 1992. They were married for 20 years. To this union, two handsome boys were born, Arthur Ray II and Joshua Butler.





Arthur moved his family to Berkeley California in 1997 where he resided until his passing. Arthur was a member of Love Fellowship Church of God In Christ, under the pastorage of Pastor Samuel Butler. Arthur worked faithfully as he served in the capacity of the Men's Dept President, Accomplished Musician, Teacher for the youth, and Deacon until he accepted his call to the Ministry and was ordained an Elder by Bishop W.W. Hamilton in California Northwest Jurisdiction, June 2010. He was also Youth Pastor and a Trustee Board Member for Love Fellowship COGIC. In the Greater Richmond District he worked as a member of the Finance Committee. He served in these positions faithfully until his health began to fail.

Arthur loved the Lord and loved his family. He was especially proud of Arthur Ray graduating from Berkeley High School and going to college. He was also proud to see Joshua playing the keyboard for the State Holy Convocation in June 2012. He enjoyed taking road trips, going to the movies, spending time with friends, eating prime rib, garlic crab and shrimp. He also enjoyed playing the drums and listening to music. His favorite artist was Marvin Winans, and his recent favorite song was, "Let the Church say Amen".

Arthur will always be remembered by his nickname "Ray Boom", his deep dimples, warm smile and very charming personality. Arthur suffered with sickness for many many years. He yet enjoyed life and he loved it to the fullest.

The Lord called Arthur home on September 26, 2012. His final days were spent surrounded by his loving family and friends that he had touched in many ways throughout his life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Seeray Butler; Two brothers, Timothy and Johnny Butler. ***He leaves to cherish his memories and the joys of his life;*** A devoted wife Alicia Butler, two sons: Arthur Ray II and Joshua Butler; Mother-In-Law, Lenora Adams, Father-In-Law, Ronald (Doreen) Marshall, Brothers: James (Jillian) Butler; Samuel (Sheryl) Butler; Michael (Debbie) Butler; Sisters: Ruth Butler; Lorraine Butler; Beatrice (LaMar) Harris, Sr; Brother-In-Laws: Michael (April) Marshall; Tony and Troy Marshall. God children: DaMone Silvey; Angelo Gourdine, Rhea Leftridge; Matthew Carlisle and Malea Carlisle. A host of Aunts, Uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and dear friends. He will also be missed by the Love Fellowship Church of God In Christ church family. The Greater Richmond District, and the California Northwest Jurisdiction.





A Celebration
ARTHUR RAY BUTLER, SR.

Musical Prelude.....Pianist
Processional.....Clergy / Family
Master of Ceremony.....Pastor Samuel Butler
Old Testament.....Elder LaMar Harris, Sr.
New Testament.....Pastor William Carlisle
Selection.....California Northwest Youth Choir

Expressions

California Northwest.....Pastor Darnell Thomas
Mother Mary M. Welch, Pastor Johnny Franklin

Greater Richmond District.....Pastor John Jackson
& Missionary Martha B. Hall
Love Fellowship COGIC.....Mother Greta Moss
Family Expression.....Lorraine Butler
Musical Selection.....Refreshing Fountain Church Choir
Family Expressions.....2 Minutes (please)
Musical Selection.....Michael Butler & Friends and the Family
Special Remarks.....Dean Austin
Friend Expressions.....2 Minutes (please)
Acknowledgement / Condolences.....Jessica Garrett
Obituary.....Sister Barbara Fort

Resolutions

"My Story".....Missionary Alicia Butler
Praise Dance.....Step Aside.....Sister Nakita Thomas
Eulogy.....Senior Administrative Assistant John Jennings
Parting View.....Fullers Funeral
Recessional.....Clergy / Family



Active Pallbearers

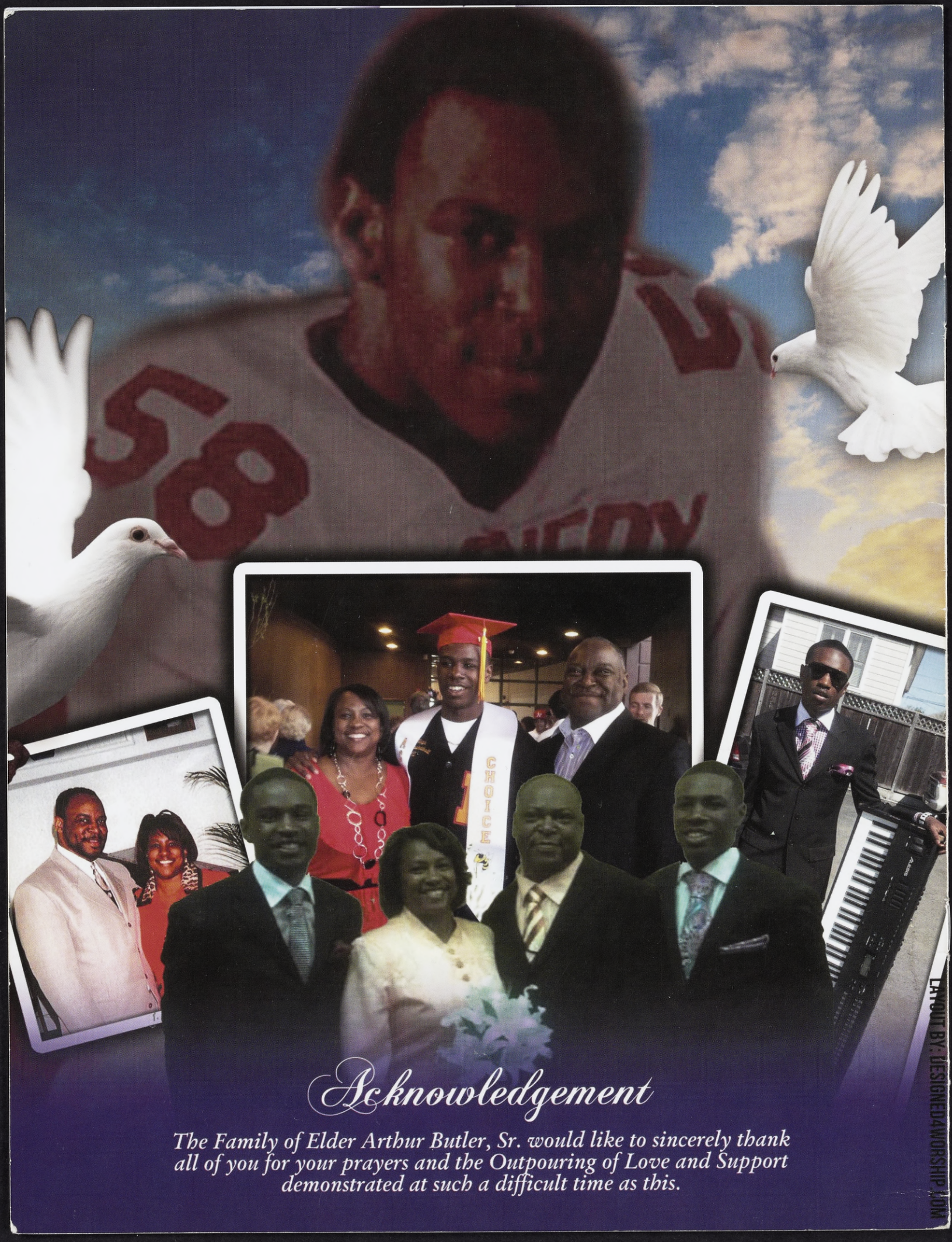
Dean Austin - Eric Blake - Timothy Butler, Jr
Cean Harris - Kennard Mcleod - Tony Marshall

Honorary Pallbearers

H.L. Mcleod, Sr. - Levi Butler - James Butler - Samuel Butler
Michael Butler - Troy Marshall - Michael Marshall - William Coleman, II
Kevin Tomimits - Tad Dickerson - DeShon Butler - LaMar Harris, Jr.
JoVance Butler - JaMar Butler - LeJon Butler - Dre Johnson
Eric Butler - Vendon Mcleod - Hollie Mcleod, Jr.

Repast

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Acknowledgement

The Family of Elder Arthur Butler, Sr. would like to sincerely thank all of you for your prayers and the Outpouring of Love and Support demonstrated at such a difficult time as this.

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